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REMARKS

Claim 51 is pending in this Application. New Claims 57 and 58 have been added. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action issued the following rejections for Claim 51:

- a. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Derwent Abstract AN 1983-29271K, corresponding to SU 928034 B, to Chitinsk Poly;
- b. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,566,986 to Waldmann et al. ("Waldmann");
- c. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Waldmann in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,362,643 to Kuo et al. ("Kuo");
- d. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Waldmann in view of Kuo and further in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,800,039 to Hassick et al. ("Hassick"), 4,655,934 to Rose et al. ("Rose"), and 4,902,779 to Waldmann ("Waldmann '779"); and
- e. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,759,401 to Boussey et al., in view of Hassick, Rose, and Waldmann '779.

Applicants have cancelled Claim 51, thus rendering these rejections moot. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw these rejections.

New Claims 57 and 58 have been added. The references of record do not disclose, teach, or suggest all the elements in these claims. Thus, the invention as a whole is nonobvious over the cited references.

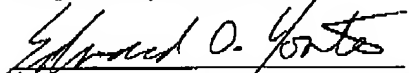
Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and respectfully request a timely notice of allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that New Claims 57 and 58 in this Application are in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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